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1. SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE COMPLETED DEBATE EARLY THIS WEEK ON ITEM 14, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ADOPTED THE SIX RESOLUTIONS AND THE DRAFT DECISION RECOMMENDED BY CSTD (SEPTTEL) AND HAS FORMED AN OPEN-ENDED CONTACT GROUP TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATION ON THE G-77 RESOLUTIONS ON STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ( REF A) AND THE PREPARATORY PERIOD FOR THE UN CONFERENCE (REF B). END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS FOCUSSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE PROPOSED 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE DELEGATIONS OF MEXIOC AND AUSTRIA BOTH OFFERED TO SERVE AS HOST FOR THE CONFERENCE. AUSTRIAN DELEGATE ARGUED THAT VIENNA WAS APPROPRIATE SITE SINCE SEVERAL IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS ARE LOCATED THERE. MEXICO MADE THE CASE FOR SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLDING CONFERENCE IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AS IN KEEPING WITH PRINCIPAL AIM OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO BRING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MOST DELEGATIONS REMAINED UNCLASSIFIED

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SILENT ON CHOICE OF CONFERENCE SITE; THE GREEK DELEGATION WAS

ALONE IN VOICING SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRIAN INVITATION, AND ONLY A SCATTERED FEW OF THE G-77 PRONOUNCED IN FAVOR OF MEXICO. ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, CUBA, KENYA, NIGERIA AND THE FRG STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD COME FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. TWO CANDIDATURES FOR SECRETARY GENERAL WERE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SESSION, THAT OF SIR GUY GRESFORD OF AUSTRALIA AND DR. ASSAM GALLAL OF EGYPT. BOTH ARE ATTENDING THE CURRENT SESSION.

3. SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THE CONFERENCE CENTERED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PREPARATORY PERIOD AND THE NEED TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION AT AN EARLY DATE TO THE PREPARATION AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS. THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATE, DR. GALLAL, SPOKE AT LENGTH ON NEED FOR AN EARLY START IN ESTABLISHING A CONFERENCE AGENDA AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPERS. THE G-77 DRAFT PERTAINING TO THE CONFERENCE PREPARATORY PERIOD REFLECTS G-77 DESIRE TO CLARIFY AT AN EARLY DATE SUBJECT AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE AGENDA, AND TO GIVE IMPETUS TO CO-ORDINATED NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PREPARATIONS.

4. SPEAKERS PAID SLIGHT ATTENTION TO SECRETARIAT REPORT (DOC. C/5839) ON A NETWORK FOR EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION. THOSE WHO COSE TO COMMENT DID SO FAVORABLY, WITH EXCEPTION OF FRG DELEGATION WHICH NOTED IT WAS NOT READY TO ENDORSE ALL CONSLUSIONS IN THE REPORT. FRG DEL, HOWEVER, DID JOIN IN DECISION TAKING NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF REPORT (SEPTEL).

5. MOST WESTERN DELEGATES RESERVED POSITION, AS DID USDEL, WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFERENCE COSTS AS SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT E/4855. ABRAMS

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